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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

(CE)

***An Act Concerning Tourism Districts And Enhancing Cultural Heritage.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) There is established a Heritage Advisory  
2 Committee. The committee shall be comprised of a representative of  
3 the Connecticut Historical Commission, the Connecticut Humanities  
4 Council, the Connecticut Museum Association, the Connecticut  
5 Tourism Association, the Connecticut Tourism Council, the  
6 Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, the League of History  
7 Organizations and the State Historian. The committee shall coordinate  
8 heritage initiatives across the state, assist the joint standing committee  
9 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
10 commerce in reviewing heritage bonding proposals and offer policy  
11 recommendations to the appropriate committees of the General  
12 Assembly to strengthen the capacities of the industry.

13 (b) The Heritage Advisory Committee, established pursuant to  
14 subsection (a) of this section, and the chairpersons and ranking  
15 members, or their designees, of the joint standing committee of the  
16 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,

17 shall serve as a review committee to advise said standing committee  
18 on the merits of bonding requests based on criteria established  
19 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

20 (c) The joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
21 cognizance of matters relating to commerce shall establish review  
22 criteria for heritage bonding proposals. The criteria of a bonding  
23 request shall include, but not be limited to, specific project standards  
24 and sponsor standards.

25 Sec. 2. (NEW) There is established a Heritage Working Group to be  
26 comprised of the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the  
27 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce  
28 and the chairpersons of the subcommittee of the joint standing  
29 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
30 relating to funding for the heritage industry. Such working group shall  
31 have oversight responsibilities for the heritage industry to coordinate  
32 legislative oversight of the industry.

33 Sec. 3. (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this  
34 section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to  
35 time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more  
36 series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate five  
37 hundred thousand dollars.

38 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
39 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
40 State Library for the purpose of creating a matching grant program for  
41 collection preservation, including, but not limited to, microfilming and  
42 digitalization projects across the state.

43 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the  
44 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not  
45 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and  
46 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission  
47 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the

48 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized  
49 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to  
50 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not  
51 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided  
52 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond  
53 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be  
54 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that  
55 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is  
56 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
57 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,  
58 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this  
59 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and  
60 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the  
61 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and  
62 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of  
63 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual  
64 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State  
65 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become  
66 due.

67 Sec. 4. (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this  
68 section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to  
69 time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more  
70 series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate one  
71 hundred thousand dollars.

72 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
73 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
74 State Library for the purpose of creating a matching grant program for  
75 improving environmental conditions for state and local records.

76 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the  
77 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not  
78 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and  
79 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission

80 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the  
81 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized  
82 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to  
83 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not  
84 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided  
85 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond  
86 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be  
87 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that  
88 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is  
89 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
90 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,  
91 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this  
92 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and  
93 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the  
94 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and  
95 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of  
96 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual  
97 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State  
98 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become  
99 due.

100 Sec. 5. (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this  
101 section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to  
102 time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more  
103 series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate three  
104 hundred thousand dollars.

105 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
106 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used to expand  
107 the Connecticut Humanities Council Cultural Heritage Development  
108 Fund for the purpose of establishing a matching grant program for the  
109 care and preservation of museum and historical society-based heritage  
110 collections.

111 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the

112 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not  
113 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and  
114 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission  
115 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the  
116 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized  
117 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to  
118 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not  
119 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided  
120 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond  
121 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be  
122 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that  
123 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is  
124 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
125 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,  
126 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this  
127 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and  
128 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the  
129 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and  
130 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of  
131 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual  
132 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State  
133 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become  
134 due.

135       Sec. 6. (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this  
136 section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to  
137 time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more  
138 series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate one  
139 million two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

140       (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
141 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
142 Connecticut Historical Commission for the purpose of creating a  
143 matching grant program for the restoration of the state's historical  
144 structures and landmarks owned by the state's nonprofit organizations

145 and municipalities.

146 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the  
147 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not  
148 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and  
149 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission  
150 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the  
151 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized  
152 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to  
153 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not  
154 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided  
155 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond  
156 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be  
157 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that  
158 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is  
159 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
160 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,  
161 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this  
162 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and  
163 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the  
164 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and  
165 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of  
166 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual  
167 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State  
168 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become  
169 due.

170 Sec. 7. (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this  
171 section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to  
172 time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more  
173 series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate one  
174 million dollars.

175 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
176 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the

177 Connecticut Humanities Council and the Connecticut Historical  
178 Society for the purpose of establishing a matching grant program  
179 providing support to mid-level heritage and preservation  
180 organizations across the state.

181 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the  
182 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not  
183 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and  
184 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission  
185 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the  
186 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized  
187 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to  
188 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not  
189 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided  
190 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond  
191 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be  
192 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that  
193 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is  
194 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
195 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,  
196 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this  
197 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and  
198 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the  
199 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and  
200 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of  
201 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual  
202 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State  
203 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become  
204 due.

205 Sec. 8. The sum of one million dollars is appropriated to the Historic  
206 Asset Fund, from proceeds received from hotel and motel occupancy  
207 tax receipts, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and annually  
208 thereafter, for the purpose of reestablishing a support mechanism for  
209 heritage institutions to be jointly administered by the Department of

210 Economic and Community Development, the Connecticut Historical  
211 Commission and the Connecticut Humanities Council.

212 Sec. 9. One million dollars is appropriated to the Department of  
213 Economic and Community Development, from proceeds received from  
214 hotel and motel occupancy tax receipts, for the fiscal year ending June  
215 30, 2001, and annually thereafter for the purpose expanding state-wide  
216 tourism efforts.

217 Sec. 10. The sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars is  
218 appropriated to the State Library, from, proceeds received from hotel  
219 and motel occupancy tax receipts, for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
220 2001, for the purpose of enhancing its conservation and preservation  
221 services. Funds would be used to conserve and enhance access to the  
222 State Library's collections and to the State Archives and to provide  
223 technical services to local municipalities and other repositories.

224 Sec. 11. The sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars is  
225 appropriated to the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, from  
226 hotel and motel occupancy tax receipts, for the fiscal year ending June  
227 30, 2001, and annually thereafter, for the purpose of funding the  
228 program of technical and planning assistance to determine the  
229 feasibility, costs and administrative mechanisms necessary to preserve  
230 historic structures and landmarks.

231 Sec. 12. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars is appropriated to  
232 the Cultural Heritage Development Fund, from hotel and motel  
233 occupancy tax receipts, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and  
234 annually thereafter for the purpose of supporting professional  
235 development.

236 Sec. 13. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars is appropriated to  
237 the Connecticut State Library, from hotel and motel occupancy tax  
238 receipts, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and annually  
239 thereafter for the purpose of institutionalizing the Office of the State  
240 Historian and supporting its research, technical assistance and

241 publication efforts.

242 Sec. 14. The sum of one million seven hundred fifty thousand  
243 dollars is appropriated to the Connecticut Humanities Council, from  
244 hotel and motel occupancy tax receipts, for the fiscal year ending June  
245 30, 2001, for the purpose of expanding the Cultural Heritage  
246 Development Fund, administered by said council.

247 Sec. 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To increase spending for and oversight of tourism and cultural heritage.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*